



CONGRESSWOMAN

# KAREN McCARTHY

*Serving You*

5th District, Missouri

Fall 2001

*Dear Friends:*

*The attacks of September 11th challenged the Congress to address numerous issues to assure our country's victory in the war against terrorism. Legislation has been enacted to: assist New York City in its recovery effort, as well as the victims and families of the fatal crashes at the Pentagon and in rural Pennsylvania; provide federal law enforcement officers with expanded powers in their pursuit of terrorists; equip hazardous material response teams to better handle biological threats; and transform air travel by federalizing security workers, baggage screeners, and require inspection of all passenger luggage.*

*I enjoy hearing from you and encourage you to share your thoughts and concerns.*

*God Bless America!*

*Karen*



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy listens to children discussing their day's activities at the Francis Childhood Development Institute following her announcement of \$1 million of federal funds for programming and expansion of Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Metropolitan Council on Childcare (MCCC).

## ***PROGRESS ON NATIONAL PRIORITIES***

**ENERGY:** As Congress continues to address national priorities, we should consider a comprehensive approach to assure our nation's energy security. The importance of reducing our reliance on imported oil and increasing diversity in our energy supply is critical. The House of Representatives approved national energy legislation which contains several provisions I sponsored to require greater energy efficiency by the federal government, provide incentives for renewable energy production and development, and promote vehicles which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**ELECTION REFORM:** The national elections of 2000 brought about a compelling need to regain confidence in our election process. With bipartisan support, I have introduced election reform legislation to provide state and local governments with the tools and flexibility they need to assure accuracy in voting. These provisions became a part of H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act of 2001, a bipartisan measure to set minimum standards, provide federal resources to update voting equipment, improve access for voters with disabilities, and strengthen voter registration systems in the states.

**HEALTH:** Given the recent bioterrorism incidents with anthrax, we must act to bolster our public and community health infrastructure. I am working with my colleagues as a cosponsor of H.R. 3255, Bioterrorism Prevention Act (BioPAct) of 2001, which will provide essential training for first responders and coordination between federal, state and local emergency response systems. It is imperative that we supply the resources needed to recruit and train additional nurses and emergency services personnel in order to alleviate the critical shortage these professions face nationwide. In addition, I am a strong advocate for enhanced 911 capabilities for wireless phones so that callers in distress can be located and ensure that these communication systems help us through any future crisis.

**EDUCATION:** Congress must provide adequate federal resources to secure our children's future in our competitive world. As a member of the Leader's Task Force on Education, as well as the Democratic Caucus on Children, I continue to advocate for greater federal investment in order to decrease the digital divide and prepare future generations for the increasingly complex technological challenges they will face.

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

I have been holding conversations with our community this Fall to listen to and address constituent concerns following the September 11th tragedy. On September 19th

at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, 12 experts from the fields of emergency preparedness, children's health, mental health, and our military came together to address issues and answer questions regarding our community's security and our ability to respond to future incidents.

This first forum prompted a second conversation October 15th regarding our area's bioterrorism response capabilities. My colleague, Congressman Dennis Moore (KS-3), joined me at the KU Medical Center with more than 250 police, fire, emergency medical, public health, and government officials from our bistate community to exchange im-

portant ideas on how to secure proper communication systems for emergency response action in the event of a crisis. I am cosponsoring bipartisan legislation in Congress to assist these groups with federal funds in this vital effort.

The economy is in recession. To understand what this will mean for our area, I convened "Today's Jobs. . . Tomorrow's Future," a community conversation with experts from our Federal Reserve Bank, the Full Employment Council, and the business and labor communities at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library on November 10th. Participants discussed the diversity and strength of our region's economy. While we have experienced a number of job cutbacks, there have been a number of new announcements of area expansions and future job growth. Please know that my commitment remains steadfast in ensuring federal funds to retrain workers for new opportunities, and extend health care coverage and unemployment benefits to those who lose their jobs. It is incumbent upon Congress to address these immediate and ongoing needs of our citizens.



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy answers a question from an area emergency first responder during her community conversation on our area's preparedness to address a bioterrorism incident.



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy emphasizes the importance of consumer safety during a hearing on Emergency 911 legislation in the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee. She questioned witnesses from wireless telecommunication providers about missing a federal deadline requiring their implementation of technology to identify the location of a caller in distress.

*Please look for the announcement of  
future community conversations in your area.  
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YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK—FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE 5TH DISTRICT



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy is joined at the groundbreaking of the I-435/I-470/US 71 Highway Triangle redesign project by: (left to right) KCMO Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Brooks, Congresswoman McCarthy, Chairman Ollie Gates, Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, and Governor Bob Holden.

I have been honored to work with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to secure needed resources for our community. When it comes to bringing home federal resources our bistate metropolitan delegation is on the same team. Together, we have secured over \$82.48 million for vital projects and programs in the metropolitan Kansas City Area. At the time of this printing, the fiscal year 2002 appropriations process had not been completed, with the expectation that even more funds will be targeted directly to critical needs in our community.

◆ Applied Urban Institute citywide plan to assist troubled youth .....	\$50,000
◆ Blue River Channelization Project to continue construction .....	\$10,400,000
◆ Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) .....	\$7,500,000
◆ Central Industrial District Phase II stormwater sewer system .....	\$2,000,000
◆ City Market renovation project .....	\$1,000,000
◆ CDC continued revitalization of 63rd & Prospect.....	\$1,000,000
◆ Commuter Rail connecting Union Station with Johnson County, KS .....	\$1,500,000
◆ DOE—Honeywell Plant non-nuclear stockpile management, structural & equipment upgrades .....	\$25,500,000
◆ Former U.S. Courthouse (811 Grand) redevelopment .....	\$75,000
◆ Intelligent Transportation System .....	\$500,000
◆ Job Access and Reverse Commute program .....	\$1,000,000
◆ Kansas City Area Transportation Authority bus and radio upgrades .....	\$6,000,000
◆ K.C. Community Security Initiative .....	\$500,000
◆ K.C. Grand Avenue Redevelopment Project .....	\$2,500,000
◆ Lee’s Summit Municipal Airport Runway Expansion .....	\$5,800,000
◆ Life Sciences Initiative—UMKC collaborative development .....	\$1,000,000
◆ Metropolitan Kansas City (MO-KS) Area flood control planning .....	\$900,000
◆ Missouri Highway Patrol Integration Technology Program .....	\$4,000,000
◆ Missouri Methamphetamine Initiative .....	\$1,100,000
◆ Missouri River Levee System improvements .....	\$180,000
◆ National Center for Missing and Exploited Children .....	\$5,000,000
◆ Operation Breakthrough, for facility expansion .....	\$500,000
◆ Riverfront Wetlands Habitat Restoration .....	\$1,000,000
◆ Swope Park Industrial Area flood control planning .....	\$150,000
◆ Turkey Creek design completion .....	\$400,000
◆ Upper Blue River/Dodson Industrial Area project construction .....	\$675,000
◆ Upper Turkey Creek feasibility study .....	\$250,000
◆ West Bottoms stormwater improvements .....	\$2,000,000

Metropolitan Area Organizations are  
Role Models for our Nation

In addition to the appropriations outlined above, over half a billion dollars in federal funds have come to our area in grants and programs supporting agriculture, education, childcare and development, defense, housing, health care, the environment and transportation.

Assistance with federal grant funding opportunities can be found at [www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov) or by contacting my Kansas City District office.



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy visits with students in Mr. Bryan Welch’s pre-algebra class after presenting the W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center with a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Education for expansion of their technology learning center initiative to help bridge the digital divide.



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Your input is invaluable to my work in Congress. Stay in touch by calling, e-mailing, faxing, or writing me. Letters sent to Washington, D.C. during October and November have not yet reached our office. Some mail may never be delivered due to anthrax found in Congressional offices. Because of these disruptions, it is suggested that your correspondence be mailed to the Kansas City or Independence district offices. You can also send your correspondence by fax to any of the offices:

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### CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN MCCARTHY — COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Congresswoman Karen McCarthy hosted a community conversation at the University of Missouri - Kansas City with experts in the aftermath of the September 11th tragedy. Pictured during a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost in the attack, from left to right first row: Dawn Romano - Children's Mercy Hospital, Dr. Syed Hasan - UMKC Professor, KCMO Fire Chief Smokey Dyer, KCMO Police Deputy Chief James Corwin, Congresswoman McCarthy, and Interfaith Minister Vern Barnett; second row KCMO Aviation Director Russ Widmar. Not pictured Lt. Col. William Johnson - MO National Guard, Jamie Mason, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, and Col. Tony Monaco - U.S. Army Reserve, Exec. Dir. John Sharp - MAST, Sharon Stucker - U.S. Army Reserve, Susan Sollars - American Red Cross, Dr. Susan Wilson - Swope Parkway Health Center.